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Some Goddard Employees to Vacate Buildings Beginning This Week

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Monday, September 22 at 2:12 p.m. a memo from Associate Center Director Raymond J. Rubilotta was sent to all Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) employees advising them that the center had been working for months on areas of transformation and now had the green light from agency leadership to move ahead in one of the areas – "building occupancy and utilization at the Greenbelt and Wallops campuses." Moves would be initiated beginning two days from the announcement, on Wednesday, September 24, said the memo. The "transformation efforts" would "leverage" the 20-year Master Plan approved in 2019, it said. However, "unlike previous large-scale Center reconfigurations, which occurred over a number of years, all planned moves will take place over the next several months and will be completed by March 2026," announced Rubilotta in the memo.

A civil servant who works at GSFC told the News Review they believe management at GSFC is seeking to vacate all buildings west of Goddard Road, though he says plans have intentionally not been put in writing. After hearing rumors for a few weeks, on Monday he was given written directions to pack up his office, lab equipment and lab supplies in preparation to move to another building. He believes the vacated buildings will be leased to other agencies, contractors or demolished to save on electrical, HVAC and maintenance costs. He hasn't been told where he or his unique test equipment or hardware supplies will be moved to. "I genuinely believe my direct managers when they say they don't know where we will be relocated," he told the News Review. However, over recent months and with increasing urgency, he's been asked to make the case for why his and his team's unique test facilities

PHOTO COURTESY NASA

The Goddard Space Flight Center campus

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Election 2025

Ten Candidates File For City Council Seats

Monday, September 22 was the deadline to file to run for Greenbelt City Council. This year 10 candidates were certified by the deadline. All incumbents are running for reelection and three challengers will also vie for one of the seven available seats. The candidates are as follows, in the order they will appear on the ballot: Frankie Fritz, William Orleans, Kristen Weaver, Silke Pope, Emmett Jordan, Rodney Roberts, Kevin "Coach K" Lockhart, Danielle McKinney, Jenni Pompi and Amy Knesel. The News Review will publish a biography for each. Candidate biographies are prepared by the candidates and published in the order they are received by the paper.

Danielle McKinney

PHOTO COURTESY DANIELLE MCKINNEY

Danielle McKinney

Danielle McKinney has dedicated her career and her public service to helping people, organizations and communities grow. Elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 2021, she has championed initiatives that strengthen communication, foster collaboration and expand opportunities for residents to shape the city's future. McKinney moved to Prince George's County more than 20 years ago where she earned a graduate degree in education leadership and policy at the University of Maryland. During that time, she managed the America Reads America Counts program, a tutoring program for Springhill Lake Elementary School students. A Greenbelt resident since 2018, McKinney lives with her husband and their miniature poodle. In her personal time, she enjoys gardening, outdoor activities, dancing, theater and cheering on her husband coaching the DuVal football team. In her first term, McKinney championed several key initiatives. She helped allocate emergency rental assistance for residents impacted by federal job layoffs, sought grant funding for

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Council Reviews Armory Concepts For Redevelopment or Demolition

by Matthew Arbach

On September 15, the Greenbelt City Council met with Taylora Imes-Thomas, project manager for the AMAR Group, who presented her company's recommendations for the city's Armory building in response to a request for proposals from the city. Three scenarios were offered, which were informed both by council and four community engagement meetings that provided a chance to gather wants and likes for the site. This was just one step in a lengthy process of finding the best possible fit for the city.

The consensus of the meeting was that the current structure should be demolished, with Imes-Thomas stating that to remediate the structure and remove hazardous materials would cost from $13-$18M. AMAR Group was asked to focus on retaining as much of the site's current footprint as possible. She said that few trees will be removed, with there being an opportunity to plant more.

Site Use Alternatives

The first scenario was to make the site the new fire and EMS station, at 32,670 sq. ft. The garage area would be repurposed as storage, with space for training and sleeping, as well as room to park emergency vehicles. A 7,100 sq. ft. food and beverage area was posited. The base cost would be $12.8M, with a markup cost at $20.3M. City Manager Josué Salmerón said the site is very strategic in its access to outlying areas that are part of the department's purview.

The second scenario would be a mixed-use residential and commercial facility, at 112,500 sq. ft. Thirty-one residential units were offered, with their type to be determined. A restaurant and a variety of smaller scale commercial areas were included, as were 145 parking spaces. The base cost is $32.1M with a markup cost of $51.1M.

The last scenario was a new municipal building, at 39,000 sq. ft. The garage area would be made into 10 live/work units. An outdoor terrace and 8,500 sq. ft. of commercial lease space were

PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

The City of Greenbelt acquired the Armory, located at the corner of Southway and Greenbelt Road, on September 16, 2024.

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What Goes On

Monday, September 29
7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: Go Prince George's County (Draft Master Plan of Transportation), Municipal Building
Wednesday, October 1
Yom Kippur, No Council Meeting

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Thanks for the Support: Here's Why We Need It

by Greenbelt News Review Board of Directors

The community has been generously responding to the News Review's request for donations, and we sincerely thank everyone who was able to contribute. Several donors asked what our funding goal is and how much we have collected. In order to hold us for now and help sustain the paper into the future we have set our goal at $25,000. Contributions we have received thus far total just over half of that, about $12,700, not accounting for credit card and digital payment fees.

News, Not Profit

The News Review, as a worker cooperative, a not-for-profit business from the beginning, plans to continue publishing the paper for many years. This means we maintain a certain financial reserve to weather tough times and continue to provide news for the community during them. For the last few years, we have reached into that reserve to cover the operating cost of publishing a weekly 12-page paper when there is not enough ad income.

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PHOTO BY PEGGY HIGGINS

Judah Mondy, age 9, interacts with editor Mary Lou Williamson at the News Review Information Day table.

Letters to the Editor

Ranked Choice Voting?

I support Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) for single-winner elections, such as for a party primary election. The Greenbelt City Council election is not a single-winner election and therefore non-RCV options should be considered. One idea is that for each candidate, voters choose one of three options: Yes, OK or No. Yes means that I want that candidate to be on council, OK means that I'm okay with that candidate being on council and No means that I am against that candidate being on council.

For each Yes a candidate receives two points, for each OK one point and for each No zero points. Total all the points; the candidates receiving the top seven points are elected. Call it Preference Voting: I can express my preference for every candidate on the ballot.

Alex Barnes

So Long SAIL

In October of 2024, I was selected as a volunteer for the SAIL (Seniors Avoiding Isolation and/or Loneliness) Program. SAIL, a pilot program, was created in partnership with the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Services (GIVES) organization, for elderly and disabled Greenbelt residents who wanted to participate in increased social interaction to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation. As part of GIVES, it offered services such as friendly visits and phone calls, student nurse visits, mental health counseling, fall prevention assessments and eldercare information.

I chose to make friendly phone calls. Due to a health issue, I was unable to start until January 31, 2025. I was given a list of clients and I made calls at least once a week. Sometimes, our conversations would last for up to 60 minutes. Each person had a story to tell. Many of my clients have lived in Greenbelt since they were a child. Our conversations revealed things about the history of Greenbelt that the tourist manuals don't include.

When the program ended on July 31, I said goodbye to my clients and hello to my new friends. We still keep in touch since we have exchanged phone numbers. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my community, and I am hopeful that SAIL may be renewed in 2026.

Leslie Cummings

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- News Review, September 14, 2017

Letters Policy During City Elections

The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.

In an election year, the News Review will not print a letter raising a new issue the week prior to election day, when no other party would have a chance to respond.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Eleanor the Great

After 70 years with her best friend, Eleanor (June Squibb) moves to New York City for a fresh start. Making new friends at 90 proves difficult. Longing for connection, she befriends a 19-year-old student. Said Lisa Johnson Mandell of AtHomeInHollywood.com, "Scarlett Johansson's directorial debut is a triumph, as is June Squibb's performance. Tender and intimate, it's a film overflowing with humanity – no boisterous CGI or special effects necessary to tell this remarkably moving story."

A Big Bold Beautiful Journey

Some doors bring you to your past. Some doors lead you to your future. And some doors change everything. Sarah (Margot Robbie) and David (Colin Farrell) are single strangers who meet at a mutual friend's wedding and soon, through a surprising twist of fate, find themselves on A Big Bold Beautiful Journey – a funny, fantastical, sweeping adventure together where they get to relive important moments from their respective pasts, illuminating how they got to where they are in the present ... and possibly getting a chance to alter their futures.

Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale

This cinematic return of the global phenomenon follows the Crawley family and their staff as they enter the 1930s. When Mary finds herself at the center of a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the entire household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawleys must embrace change as the staff prepares for a new chapter with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

In this adaptation of the first of J.K. Rowling's popular novels about Harry Potter, a boy learns on his 11th birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. He is summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts, an English boarding school for wizards. There, he meets several friends who become his closest allies and help him discover the truth about his parents' mysterious deaths.

Mulholland Drive

A dark-haired woman (Laura Elena Harring) is left as an amnesiac after a car crash. She wanders the streets of Los Angeles in a daze before taking refuge in an apartment. There she is discovered by Betty (Naomi Watts), a wholesome Midwestern blonde who has come to the City of Angels seeking fame as an actress. Together, the two attempt to solve the mystery of Rita's true identity. The story is set in a dream-like Los Angeles, spoilt neither by traffic jams nor smog.

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OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

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SEPTEMBER 26th - OCTOBER 2nd

Eleanor the Great (PG-13)
(CC) (DVS) (2025) (98 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 3:20 PM (OC), 5:40 PM
Wed. 7:45 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:45 PM
Mon. 2:00 PM, 4:30 PM
Tues. 7:45 PM
Thurs. 5:45 PM

A Big Bold Beautiful Journey
(R) (CC) (DVS) (2025) (108 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 5:00 PM
Tues. 5:40 PM
Thurs. 8:10 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:00 PM
Sun. 6:00 PM

Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale
(PG) (CC) (DVS) (2025) (123 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM
Mon. 2:15 PM (OC)
Tues. 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 7:45 PM
Sun. 3:00 PM
Wed. 7:30 PM

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
(PG) (2001) (157 mins)
Sunday Scaries Series
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 12:00 PM

Mulholland Drive
(R) (2001) (147 mins)
Film in Focus
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Mon. 7:00 PM

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Community Events

At the Library

Greenbelt Library's regular hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

Storytimes

Friday, September 26, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/14157151.

Wednesday, October 1, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/14464503.

Thursday, October 2, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/14464238.

Ride and Read

Thursday, October 2, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get some physical activity while at the library. Sign up for an hour ride on one of the stationary bikes with free apps from Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) like Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla to enjoy. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/14448251.

Passports

Greenbelt Library serves as a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility. Applications are accepted by appointment only; schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting pgcmls.info/passport-services. Customers may call the Library directly at 301-345-5800 for their reference inquiries and to book passport service appointments during regular Library operating hours.

Resources

Customers can access Library resources with a PGCMLS library card number or a LINK card number for Prince George's County Public Schools students.

Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center.

Oct. 1, Business Meeting

Oct. 8, Speaker: Betty Timer, Trivia Fun

Oct. 15, Birthday Celebrations

Oct. 22, Bingo

Oct. 29, to be determined

News Review: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

On Thursday, October 9 the Active Aging Program will enjoy a presentation on the history of the News Review. Explore the paper's history and legacy as a cornerstone of the community since 1937, documenting local stories, shaping identity and giving Greenbelt a trusted voice. The program is scheduled for 2 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center.

Greenbelt Park Campfire Programs

Saturday, October 4, 6:30 p.m., Creepy Cryptids from the Old Line State:

Since 1634, the State of Maryland has been filled with the stories of the creepy and spooky. Tales of cryptids are heard throughout the state and countryside. Start your October with spooky tales along with a campfire and moonlight at Greenbelt Park.

Saturday, October 11, 6:30 p.m., Anchors Aweigh! The Birthday of the U.S. Navy:

Happy Birthday to the U.S. Navy. As the nation celebrates its 250th birthday, the park is delighted to offer lectures on the history of the Armed Forces. The U.S. Navy has been fighting on the high seas for 250 years, has carried the American flag across the world and fought in every major engagement since the American Revolution. Come to Greenbelt Park and learn the storied history of the U.S. Navy by the campfire.

Pink Ribbon Rally

On Saturday, October 4, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. join the Pink Ribbon Rally at the Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center ER parking lot.

This year there will be walk-up mammograms, DNA screenings in women's health and cancer care for eligible participants, food trucks, music, games, health and wellness sessions, and more.

If you are uninsured, please bring proof of address and income to see if you qualify for a no-cost mammogram.

Indoor Pool to Reopen Monday September 29

The indoor pool at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center is set to reopen on Monday, September 29. With the indoor pool reopening, the outdoor pool will close on Monday, September 29.

Please note that the hot tub will remain closed beyond September 29 due to retiling work.

Guest Author to Attend Bibliophiles Book Club

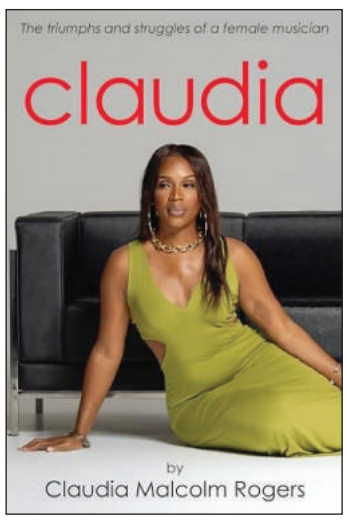

PHOTO COURTESY THE AUTHOR

Cover of this month's Bibliophiles book

Claudia Malcolm Rogers, keyboardist and author, will attend the Bibliophiles of Historic Greenbelt meeting on October 8. She will discuss her new book, which describes her triumphs and struggles as a female musician, the music business generally and, especially, what it's like to be a woman – a Black woman – in the music business.

The meeting, open to all, will be held Wednesday, October 8 at 11 a.m. at the New Deal Café, where the bibliophiles meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

More Community Events throughout the paper.

Art Studio Open House, Artful Afternoon, More

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program will host an Art Studio Open House and Sale, part of an Artful Afternoon on Sunday, October 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. Activities for all ages include hands-on demonstrations, make & take crafts, community art projects, a dance lesson and puppet shows. The schedule is:

Tours, Exhibits, Sales, 1 to 4 p.m. Tour the studios of the Center's eight artists in residence on the third floor and see their latest creations. Artists will have fine art and elevated functional wares available for sale. Visit the Greenbelt Access Television production studio on the second floor and make a stop-motion animation video. Meet artist Judith Kornett at her exhibit of vibrant hooked rugs, collages and prints in the art gallery, and enjoy hands-on demonstrations of spinning and rug hooking.

Artful Afternoon, 1 to 4 p.m. Explore a variety of additional hands-on demonstrations with Greenbelt Recreation Arts instructors and community artists on the first floor and front lawn. Workshops include spray painting, needle felting, wheel throwing, special art projects for children and more. No registration is required, but find a full list of activities and sign up for updates at sugeni.us/ecb4.

Dance Lesson, 1:30 to 2 p.m. or 2 to 2:30 p.m. Learn a dance to perform with the flash mob at the Wild Rumpus on Friday, October 24.

Puppet Shows, 1 to 3 p.m. Enjoy short, miniature puppet shows created by Cecilia Cackley celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Find more information at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. Greenbelt Recreation Arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Art tile by Mary Gawlik

Class of 2026 Hosts Flea Market, October 4

The Class of 2026 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is hosting a flea market on Saturday, October 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Ms. Tye at erhsclassof2026@gmail.com or visit the website, https://sites.google.com/pgcps.org/greenclass/home.

Life Line Offers Health Screenings at Legion

Residents living in and around Greenbelt can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will host this community event on Monday, October 13.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in arteries related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; kidney and thyroid function; and more.

Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available.

Pre-registration is required. Consultants will work to create a package based on age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit lifelinescreening.com to register.

October Arts Advisory Board

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, October 7 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Discussion topics will include general planning and board recruitment. Greenbelt residents who may be interested in joining the Board are encouraged to attend. For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, write to alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.

Friday Oct 3

7:00 - 8:00 Kick-off of the 30th anniversary celebrations with the New Deal Cafe Board President John Campanile and Video featuring the cafe.

8:00 - 11:00 Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes

Saturday Oct 4 - Roosevelt Center festival:

11:45 - 12:45 Katy Gaughan Drumming for Wellness - Drum Circle

12:45 – 1:15 Institutional Proclamations

1:15 - 2:00 Greenbelt Honk Situation

2:00 - 2:15 Witches Dance - Cafe Founding Family: comments and stories about the Cafe

2:15 - 3:45 La Unica

3:45 - 4:05 Bubble Battle **Bring your best bubble gun**

4:05 - 5:15 Fez Tones Hafla

5:15 - 5:35 1995 music blast

5.35 - 7.00 49 Cent Dress

8:00 - 11:00 IlyAIMY (Inside the Cafe)

Full Program:

Sunday Oct 5 - At the New Deal Café:

2:00 - 2:30 Pete Reppert welcoming all with his piano jazz music

2:30 - 4:00 Documentary 'The City' and guided discussion with Dr. Cathy Knepper

4:00 - 4:45 Cafe Founding Family: comments and stories about the Cafe

4:45 - 5:00 Stage Dedication to Richard McMullin Art/Wall Re-Dedication to Barbara Simon

5:00 - 6:00 New Deal Cafe Birthday Cake

6:00 - 8:00 KIVA

Mike McMullin's community art: express yourself on the paint wall

This Week at the New Deal Café

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TH 9/25	FRI 9/26	SAT 9/27	SUN 9/28
FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Coyote Trail 7 - 9pm An alt-country, eclectic Americana band	Rock Creek Revival 8 - 11pm Maryland-based band that draws inspiration from the broad history of bluegrass	NDC SATURDAY JAZZ JAM, 2-5p Proverbs Reggae Band 8 - 11pm A positive, unique rootz reggae band whose influences range from ska, gospel, jazz & calypso.	ASL BRUNCH, 10:30a - 12p CLOTHING SWAP, 11am - 2pm Charlie Owen & Pocket Change 6 - 8pm Sweet soul & R&B

MON 9/29	TUES 9/30	WED 10/01	TH 10/02	New Deal Cafe
MONDAY MAUVENESS KARAOKE 6 - 9pm HOSTED BY MIKE BENNETT & GRAYE LINE BAND	NDC Open Mic w/ Matt Severson 6:30 - 9:30pm Sign-ups at 6p Show us what ya got!	The Campfire Sessions 7 - 9pm FEATURED: Georgie Jessup & Dirk Hamilton	FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Wolf's Blues Show & Sit-In Jam 6:30 - 10pm Big, bodacious boogie blues jam	IT'S THE CAFE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY! Visit our donations page to help fund our October celebration festival!

*Join NDC! Go to NewDeal Cafe(dot) com, click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW."

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DON'T FORGET TO TIP THE BANDS!

Luminis Health Doctors Hospital Hosts Annual Pink Ribbon Rally

Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center will host its annual Pink Ribbon Rally on Saturday, October 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This year's celebration, which is free and open to the public, carries added significance as the hospital marks its 50th anniversary of serving Prince George's County with a deep commitment to women's and maternal health.

The Pink Ribbon Rally is designed to raise awareness about breast cancer and highlight the lifesaving power of early detection through mammograms.

The day will feature walk-up mammograms along with vital information about the signs, symptoms and early detection of breast cancer, which accounts for about one-third of the cancers Luminis Health treats. Attendees can learn about treatment options and meet the experienced team of specialists. The event is also a celebration, with pink attire and decorations to raise awareness about breast cancer, along with uplifting survivor stories, community resources, food and games.

Prince George's County has one of the highest breast cancer mortality rates in Maryland. To address this urgent need, Luminis Health is in the third year of a $1.3 million state grant to provide breast and cervical cancer screenings. With this support, more than 3,400 county residents have already received timely, lifesaving care they may not have otherwise been able to access.

"Mammograms save lives. When breast cancer is caught early, survival rates are extremely favorable. That's why it's crucial for women to begin screenings at age 40, or sooner, if they have a family history," said Dr. Allison Bruff, breast cancer surgeon at Doctors' Hospital.

This article is drawn from a press release.

PHOTO BY SKIP ELLIS

Great egret at Greenbelt Lake

Community Church Welcomes New Pastor, Rev. Aubra Love

by Carol Griffith

On Sunday, September 21, Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (UCC), extended an enthusiastic and warm welcome to its new pastor, Reverend Aubra Love.

Rev. Love is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ and was reared in the civil rights movement, and is dedicated to literacy action and Black voter registration. She was the first cross-racial pastoral appointment to a white UCC congregation. A graduate of Cornell University and the Morehouse School of Religion, Rev. Love comes to Greenbelt Community Church after serving a congregation in Montgomery County and completing a term as acting associate conference minister in the UCC.

A social entrepreneur and retired commercial banker, her pivotal work as founder of the Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute, a national educational ministry, brought the voices of the historic Black church to the public policy arena to address intimate partner violence. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice, mainline denominations and state domestic violence coalitions, the ministry provides culturally competent training to institutions, faith-based organizations and social movement collectives with a lens toward the politics of race, gender, spirituality and sexuality.

PHOTO COURTESY REV. AUBRA LOVE

Rev. Aubra Love

Rev. Love is a published author in many anthologies, periodicals and women's studies textbooks. Her newest book, Our Lactating God: The Embodied Amen, was released in early summer. She is a supporter of independent bookstores and feminist coffeehouse readings.

Our Neighbors

Welcome to Reverend Aubra Love, the new pastor at Greenbelt Community Church.

Congratulations to Greenbelt Police Department's Corporal Dylan Davis, Corporal Abbey Kipke, Corporal Michael Thomas, Sergeant Carl Roberson and Lieutenant Irelisse Fernandez on their promotions.

Congratulations to Bob and Karen Faherty who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on September 27. They have lived in Greenbelt since their wedding day and raised their three sons here. We wish them many more years of happiness together.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

GIVES Volunteer Appreciation

As part of the celebration of 30 years of GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) all volunteers are invited to a volunteer appreciation luncheon. It will be held on Saturday, September 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Invitations have been emailed out. Those who are volunteers but did not receive one, contact the GIVES office at givesoffice@gmail.com or 301-507-6580.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT
Mass Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Community Center Room 114
15 Crescent Rd
cathcomgreenbelt.org
ALL ARE WELCOME!
A Roman Catholic Intentional Eucharistic Community
OR - Join us on ZOOM!
For ZOOM link:
CCG1985+owner@groups.io

"A permanent peace in the world of existence can be established only through the power of the spirit."
– 'Abdu'l-Bahá
Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
www.greenbeltbahais.org

The Bible Says...
The Ten Commandments
#4-Keep Holy The Sabbath
Exodus 20:8-11
MCF COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Worship Services
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School
(66 Ridge Rd.)
MCFcc.org

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open Minds, Open doors
Find us on facebook.com/mowattumc
301-474-5410
Pastor Evelyn Romero
Worship Service, Sundays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Season of Rest

St. John's Episcopal Church
11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20704
301-937-4292 www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org
Welcomes you each Sunday for
Worship & Sunday School
at 10:00 AM

Mishkan Torah Congregation
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Saul Oresky, Cantor Phil Greenfield
An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.
Friday evening services at 8:00pm
Saturday morning services at 10:00am
Offering hybrid services, online and in-person activities
For further information, call (301) 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Affiliated with these movements: Conservative and Reconstructing Judaism

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• Sunday Mass:
◦ Sat vigil 5pm*
◦ Sun 8am, 9:30am,11am
• Confessions Saturday 3pm – 4pm.
Masks for the unvaccinated encouraged.
*Live streamed on Facebook and available on our YouTube page later.
CELEBRATE WITH US
135 Crescent Rd.
www.sthughofgrenoble.org

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
Postal address: P.O. Box 676, Laurel, MD 20725
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
September 28, 2025 at 3 p.m.
Once in a Lifetime
Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Anne Hoover
Do we only live once? Do we return again to life after death? What (and where) is the afterlife? In the spirit of our September theme (Return Again), we'll explore the connection between our personal understanding of the "hereafter" and our life experiences in the here-and-now.
Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 3

Monday, September 29 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - GO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY (DRAFT MASTER PLAN OF TRANSPORTATION)**

Tuesday, September 30 at 3:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Discussion on Open Forum Event*

Tuesday, September 30 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, *On the Agenda: Labor Day Parade Review, Grants Received, Preparation for PTA Presidents Meeting on October 28, Reports to Council*

Wednesday, October 1, **NO MEETING - YOM KIPPUR**

Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD,** *On the Agenda: Council Liaison Updates, Discussion on Traffic Calming Study for Greenbelt Center City*

Wednesday, October 1 at 7 pmThursday, October 2 at 7 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD,** *On the Agenda:*

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

GREENBELT ELECTION INFORMATION

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION
DATES & DEADLINES: 2025 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

First day to receive papers and file nomination petition	8/18
Last day to file nomination petition (by 5pm)	9/22
Date of drawing for placement on ballot – 7pm	9/22
First Interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12pm)	9/26
First day to send out mail-in ballots	10/3
Last day to register to vote (must be received by 4:30pm Upper Marlboro)	10/6
Second Interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12pm)	10/24
Early Voting begins .	11/1-11/2
Training session for Election Judges and Clerks	11/3
Election 7am-8pm	11/4
Mail-in ballots must be received by 6pm	11/4
Final Contributions & Expenditures Report (12pm)	11/7
Charter Meeting for swearing-in at 7:30pm	11/10

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION
VOTER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Great News: Non-Citizen Residents Can Vote in the 2025 Greenbelt City Council Election by Registering with the City Clerk!

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2025 City Council election - whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candidate - you must be registered to vote. U.S. citizens must be qualified and registered to vote in Prince George's County. Non-citizen residents of Greenbelt may also participate by registering to vote with the City Clerk or by accessing the non-citizen voter registration forms available on the City's website.

To register, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America or Non-citizen of Greenbelt
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration
- Have completed any court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, parole, or probation if convicted of a felony
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability

For information about registering to vote in Prince George's County, contact the County Board of Elections at (301) 430-8020 or visit www.elections.state.md.us. Forms for voter registration for non-citizens are available on the city website, Voter Registration | Greenbelt, MD.

All registration forms must be submitted by the deadlines: citizen voter forms to the Prince George's County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro by 4:30 pm on Monday, October 6, and non-citizen voter forms to the Greenbelt City Clerk's Office by 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 15.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk by phone at (301) 474-8000 or elections@greenbeltmd.gov.

*If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must complete an application to have this information changed. **This can also be done online at www.elections.state.md.us.*

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION
ELECTIONS CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 4, 2025, from 6 am until about 9 pm. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 3 from 7 pm until about 9 pm.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of $175 plus a training fee of $25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to count mail-in and early voting ballots. This job would entail working for three to four hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 4. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for mail-in and early voting ballot clerks is $50.

Application forms are available at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road and on the City website www.greenbeltmd.gov. The deadline to apply is September 30, 2025. For further information, call or e-mail Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or elections@greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION
ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT RESIDENT MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY MAIL-IN

VOTING BY MAIL: Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by MAIL-IN BALLOT.

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WILL RECEIVE IN THE MAIL AN APPLICATION TO VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO VOTE BY MAIL, YOU MAY DISREGARD THE APPLICATION. YOU MAY VOTE AT ANY POLLING LOCATION ON ELECTION DAY.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (http://www.fvap.gov) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive mail-in ballot must be received by noon on Monday, November 3, 2025. We encourage you to return your application (by mail or in-person) as soon as possible.

Return your executed mail-in ballot by

1) Sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 3,

2) Hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or

3) Place it into one of the three drop-box locations. (Police Station, Schrom Hills Park and Springhill Lake Recreation Center)

Questions? Call the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000, or send email to banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

* VOLUNTEER * VACANCIES * APPLY FOR A COMMITTEE OR BOARD TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Committee on Trees, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Charter Review Task Force, Community Relations Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, or Youth Advisory Committee** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

Sign up for ARTFANS, a weekly e-newsletter, at www.greenbeltmd.gov/list.aspx.

Make & Take Critter Magnets. Fridays, 9/26 & 10/3, 6-8pm Greenbelt Community Center. Get a fun intro to our ceramics studio in this lighthearted, two-week workshop. No experience needed. Make bugs, slugs, or small animals and decorate pre-made coasters.

Art Studio Open House & Sale (Artful Afternoon). Sunday, October 5, 1-4pm Greenbelt Community Center. 1-4pm: Visit and shop with our Artists in Residence; participate in FREE drop-in, all-ages, hands-on art activities with Greenbelt Recreation instructors and guest artists; tour the GATE studio; visit the art gallery. 1:30 - 3pm: see miniature puppet shows. 1:30 - 2pm and 2-2:30pm: learn a dance for the Wild Rumpus!

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **Wild Rumpus Mask & Puppet Workshop**
  Starts 9/28, 10am. Ages 12-adult. FREE.

SALSA Y SALSA!
HISPANIC HERITAGE AND VOTER ENGAGEMENT EVENT
Friday, October 3, 6:30-8:30pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Discover your power as a voter!

This FREE exciting community event brings together dancing and food to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and promote civic engagement. Be sure to join to learn how your vote matters while also enjoying:

- Incredible music
- Delicious food
- Games & prizes
- Salsa dance lesson

Come together to honor Hispanic Heritage Month while taking steps towards stronger civic engament.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist with event setup and breakdown, greeting guests, engaging with voters, and more.

Contact Tyra Smith at tsmith@greenbeltmd.gov or fill out our volunteer form: https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/FormCenter/General-Forms-4/Voter-Engagement-Outreach-Volunteer-Form-95

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

SENIOR TECH CAFE

Sundays - September 28, October 26, November 23 from 1-3 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Room 109, 15 Crescent Road

Whether you're new to computers, iPhone, Android or just need a little guidance, we will do our very best to help! Don't miss this opportunity to have your questions answered. We look forward to helping you get started!

Note: We are not a "Genius Bar" and do not fix devices, but we're more than happy help you learn how to make the most of your technology.

FREE. Drop-in, first come first serve, no registration required, bring a friend!

Contact Priya Gardner Lemieux at pgardner@greenbeltmd.gov | (240) 542-2056.

OPEN COMPUTER LAB FOR ALL GREENBELT ADULTS

1st & 3rd Monday of Each Month
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Need computer access? Visit our free lab at the Greenbelt Community Center. Every Wednesday & 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Weekly sign-up required as spots are limited.

Register: bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov | (202) 670-6497.

FREE DIABETES EDUCATION CLASS & SCREENING

Class: Friday, November 7 from 10-11am
Screening: Friday, November 14 from 10am-12pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd

Join Us for a Free Diabetes Education Class & Screening!

This free class, led by Dr. Florence Awosika, will help you understand diabetes, practice self-care, and make informed choices for a healthier life. Take advantage of a free diabetes screening offered the following week!

Register: bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov | (202) 670-6497.

FREE SENIOR PLANET CLASSES - MEDIA & HEALTH

For adults 60+. FREE. In-Person, Mondays, 11am-12:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Rd

- **September 22.** Navigating Medicare Resources
- **October 6.** Managing Online Privacy

Register: bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov | (202) 670-6497.

UPCOMING NATURE EVENTS

Gardening Get Togethers. Every Wednesday through October, 10am-12pm. *Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent.* Join City Staff and Community Members as we work to maintain the Pollinator Gardens at Buddy Attick Park! Activities will include mulching, weeding, and planting native perennial species. Sign-up here.

National Public Lands Day. Saturday, September 27, 10am-1pm. *Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent.* Join the City of Greenbelt's Department of Public Works and Park Rangers as we care for and celebrate the public lands we share! Sign-up here.

Questions & comments to kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2168.

PINK PANTRY

The Pink Pantry provides free menstrual products to Greenbelt residents, including pads, tampons, and wipes from trusted brands like Cora, Always, Rael, HoneyPot, and more!

To receive these products, register by contacting Brendy Garcia at (202) 670-6497 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

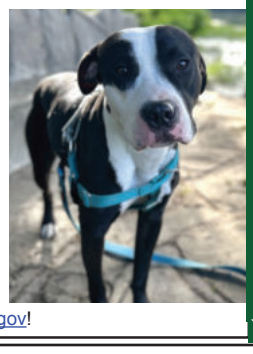
CURRENT GAIL PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs **FREE** of charge. For more information, email Brendy Maddox at bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov or (202) 670-6497.

- **FALL PREVENTION CAMPAIGN KICK OFF EVENT.** Th, 9/25, 1-3 pm. Premiere & Film Screening of "Saving Claire" and panel discussion with experts in fall prevention and senior care. Register at https://forms.gle/BsjhsdWeXo6AKYRo8.
- **OPEN COMPUTER LAB FOR ADULTS** 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Weekly sign-up required.
- **DEMENTIA WEBINARS** 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/13 at 7 pm on Zoom.
- **FREE MONTHLY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION.** Greenbelt Residents Only. First time participants must provide proof of residency, state-issued ID, birth certificate (or copy) for each child.
- **AGING SOLO**. Sept 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 1-2:30pm on Zoom. Learn to set priorities, build your support network, and put your plans into action.

FEATURED PET - NEMO

Ready for Adoption? Call (301) 474-6124.



One-year-old Nemo was found as a stray, so we don't know much about his life before coming to the shelter. Much like his clownfish counterpart in the movie Finding Nemo, he can be a bit shy and nervous at first, but is becoming more and more brave every day. Once he gets comfortable around you, he transforms into a silly, excited puppy, so his future adopters should continue his manners training like "4 On the Floor" and taking treats gently. Nemo is potty trained, a great leash-walker, and non-reactive to other dogs! **Due to PG county breed restriction laws, Nemo will need to be adopted to a home outside of the county.**

If you're interested in adopting nifty Nemo, call us at (301) 474-6124 or email animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov!

Election 2025

The City Election Is Coming: Register to Vote by October 6

All residents of Greenbelt age 16 and over, who have lived in the incorporated limits of the city for more than 30 days by October 6, can vote in the November 4 City Council election. First one must register to vote with a residence address that lies within the boundaries of the City of Greenbelt. The deadline for noncitizens to register is October 15.

Registering

For those not already registered, the deadline for registering to vote in the November election is Monday, October 6. This deadline also applies to those making name or address changes.

Citizen Registration

Registrations by U.S. citizens 16 years and older must be received by the Prince George's County Board of Elections by 4:30 p.m. on October 6 at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, in Largo. Would-be voters are advised not to wait until the last minute.

Greenbelt residents eligible to vote in State of Maryland elections can register to vote in city elections using the Maryland State Voter Registration Form. There is no need to re-register for city elections if one is already a registered voter with the State of Maryland. Sixteen- and 17-year-olds who will be eligible to vote in county, state and federal elections at age 18 should use the Maryland State Voter Registration Form. Maryland allows 16-year-olds to pre-register to vote using this form.

Noncitizen Registration

Noncitizen residents should register to vote for the City of Greenbelt elections using the Greenbelt Voter Registration Form no later than October 15 (a date that is later than the deadline for citizens). That and other forms can be found at greenbeltmd.gov/175/Election-Information.

Proof of Greenbelt Residence

To register to vote as a non-

citizen, you may use an identification card issued by a federal, state or local government entity of the United States or any foreign country or school, provided that the identification document contains a photograph and/or identifying information such as name, date of birth, gender, height and eye color. Examples of acceptable documents include a passport, visa, alien registration card, driver's license, MVA identification card, military identification or school ID with photo. Alternatively, acceptable documentation includes items such as a copy of a deed, house or apartment lease, utility bill, paycheck, bank statement, school record or other official or government document that shows one's name and current address in the City of Greenbelt. When registering, bring a photo identification and required documentation to the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Anyone unable to provide the required identification or proof of residence may submit an affidavit stating their residence as Greenbelt on a form provided by the city clerk, executed under the penalties of perjury.

Student Registration

Otherwise qualified students who are attending colleges in Maryland may register to vote if they consider their local address to be their legal address or domicile. Usually that means it is the address that appears on tax returns or other government documents, driver's license, bank accounts, charge accounts and so forth. For more information about student registration, go to elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/students.html.

Ineligibility

Individuals who have been found by a court to be incapable of voting by reason of mental disability are not eligible to register. No one can register who has been convicted of buying or selling votes. Persons who have been convicted of other felonies may register if they have completed their court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any required term of parole or probation.

HUG WALK Joins Maryland Walktober

Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) is again organizing its annual HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness) to be held on Sunday, October 5, rain or shine. This year the City of Greenbelt and RUAK are partnering with the State of Maryland's Walktober program, an initiative to encourage walking, pedestrian safety, health and wellness, led by Recreation Arts. The HUG WALK route is as follows:

1 p.m., gather at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at Greenbelt Station (across from the Shell Station on Cherrywood Lane);

1:30 p.m., walk sets off;

2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center;

2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park;

3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center;

3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center;

4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center;

4:30 p.m., walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

The Greenbelt Connection will provide transportation back to the join-in location. Walk all or part of the walk and show love for Greenbelt by wearing green.

For further information, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com, 301-345-8755 or ruak.org.

Greenbelt Park Campfire Saturday

Saturday, September 27, 7 p.m., The Bonus Army and the Birth of the GI Bill:

World War I was one of the worst conflicts in the history of the world. The servicemembers who fought during this war were promised a bonus pension, yet never received it. Deciding to protest this violation, they encamped on the Anacostia Flats and demonstrated on the National Mall. Join Ranger Jim at Greenbelt Park to learn about how these servicemembers exercised their rights and gained what was rightfully theirs.

Blues Singing in (spite of) the Rain

PHOTO BY JUDY EVANS

The Greenbelt Blues Festival kicked off the morning of Saturday, September 20, with Blues Fun YogaMix, a drum circle with Katy Gaughan and a performance by Dan Hovey. Erin Harpe and Jim Countryman (pictured above), who performed next, were halfway through their set around 1:45 p.m., when a sudden deluge shut down the Festival. The audience ran for cover under the roof next to the Cinema and Co-op while musicians and sound personnel scrambled to move their instruments and equipment under a small tent. Festival personnel got to work and efficiently moved everything into the New Deal Café. The next performance by Kingpin was able to take the stage on time. The deluge continued non-stop until 4:30 p.m., when Erin and Jim were finally able to load their car. Kudos to the Festival personnel who did an amazing job to keep the show going.

Greenbriar's Fall Yard Sale

at

Greenbriar Condominiums
7600 Hanover Parkway,
Greenbelt, MD 20770

October 4, 2025

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Come Shop Till You Drop

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refrigerated storage to improve food distribution and advocated Beltway Plaza redevelopment with community input. She also launched Greenbelt Grows with CHEARS and Greenbelt Rotary, an initiative expanding community gardening, food access and sustainable living. She has also worked to strengthen council and advisory board processes to increase transparency and ensure resident input drives outcomes.

McKinney represents Greenbelt on the Washington Council of Governments' Human Service Policy and the Food and Agriculture Regional Policy Committee. Nationally, she serves on the National League of Cities' Human Development Committee, advocating for policies that support families, food security and community well-being. Locally, she serves as council liaison to the Advisory Planning Board and Youth Advisory Committee and contributes as a board member of the Greenbelt Station HOA, where she helped lead development of a Greenspace Master Plan.

Professionally, McKinney is senior director of learning development at Marriott International, leading a team that creates innovative learning experiences for associates worldwide. Her expertise in workforce development informs her council work, where she consistently seeks creative, forward-looking and inclusive solutions.

If reelected, McKinney will continue advancing Greenbelt Grows to help more neighbors grow, share and access healthy food. She will advocate for preserving BARC. She is committed to expanding recreational spaces, supporting smart and sustainable development, including Beltway Plaza and the Armory, while ensuring that growth strengthens Greenbelt's unique character. Above all, McKinney is dedicated to building connections and strengthening community by promoting civic engagement and celebrating the city's diversity so all residents feel safe, included and supported.

MISSING CAT

Name:CHESSIE, 9 years old, large,
light- orange tabby
Last Seen at: 5 COURT EASTWAY,
PLEASE CALL - Linda -571-275-0816

Activists and Politicians Celebrate Defeat of Proposed Maglev Project

by Matt Neufeld

PHOTO COURTESY ALONZO WASHINGTON

Many of the activists who worked for many years to defeat the maglev project

At least 80 exuberant citizen activists and a bevy of equally happy city, county and state politicians gathered for a joyous victory celebration at the Greenbelt American Legion on Monday, September 15, to mark the final defeat of the long-unpopular proposed magnetic levitation (maglev) train that was planned to run from Washington, D.C. to Baltimore.

The maglev was particularly unpopular in Greenbelt, where its planned route could have run through the city's forest preserve. "It's an exciting day for us to all come together and celebrate!" said Mayor Emmett Jordan. "We've been working on this for years. It's a great thing. The fact that [it's] not just politicians, but it's the people rising up and working together to make this happen."

"I think this is fantastic that this has happened!" said Konrad Herling, a former Greenbelt city councilmember and longtime Greenbelt civic activist. "We're glad to see ... that the message we've been giving came through."

The Opposition

That message, communicated for years by thousands of residents, activists, environmentalists, volunteers, environmental groups, civic and community groups, government workers, politicians and others was that the proposed maglev project was: environmentally destructive in many local geographic areas and in many biological ways; would destroy and disrupt extremely sensitive and important environmental ecosystems, wildlife, fauna and forests; would destroy residential neighborhoods; was overly expensive, a boondoggle and not economically cost-effective; would not solve local transportation problems; and would disrupt sensitive and important work at numerous local, regional, state and federal government facilities.

It would have severely and negatively impacted state and federal facilities, including NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), the Patuxent Research Refuge, the National Security Agency and Fort Meade, the U.S. Secret Service and the National Park Service's Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The project was proposed, often in secrecy, by Northeast Maglev. The company was never able to clearly explain how the maglev project would avoid and counter the increasingly long list of complaints that built up through the years from those who opposed it. Those complaints came from not just citizens and groups, but from a nonpartisan array of municipal, county, regional, state and federal government workers and officials. This collection of people and groups fought the maglev in a dogged grassroots campaign for years. That fight included trips to Annapolis, attending hearings, lobbying, writing letters, making phone calls, sending emails, knocking on doors, canvassing and basically pulling out every tool in the activism handbook.

On August 1, 2025, all that determined hard work finally resulted in victory, as Sean Duffy, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) finally announced the long-awaited death of the project. Federal officials cancelled $26 million in grant funding for the project (see the August 6 issue).

"After nearly a decade of poor planning, significant community opposition, tremendous cost overruns, and nothing to show for it, Secretary Duffy is ending federal involvement in the project and its costs to taxpayers," DOT said in a statement that echoed talking points raised by maglev opponents. "As part of its analysis, FRA (DOT Federal Railroad Administration) also determined the project would result in significant, unresolvable impacts to federal agencies and federal property, including national security agencies," the statement said.

"This project lacked everything needed to be a success from planning to execution," Duffy said in his own statement. "This project did not have the means to go the distance, and I can't in good conscience keep taxpayers on the hook for it."

Local Celebration

Back at the American Legion

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Hot L Baltimore

Play Director Aims to Immerse Audience in Characters' Lives

by Greg Young

Eccentricities, with deep undercurrents of compassion and longing, come to the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) in October. Seth Ghitelman – who for the last 25 years has been a dynamic force in Maryland's community theater, particularly at Silver Spring Stage – is being welcomed by GAC to direct Hot L Baltimore, a landmark of American drama written by Lanford Wilson.

Opening in February 1973, Hot L Baltimore was the first major success for Wilson and his theater company, the Circle Repertory Company. It set an Off-Broadway record of 1,166 performances after playing Off-Off-Broadway for a month. Both critics and audiences loved the show. Wilson's play won the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for the Best American Play of 1972–73. It also won an Obie Award for best Off-Broadway play, an Outer Critics Circle Award and the John Gassner Playwriting Award. Additionally, the play was sold to ABC and was adapted to a television situation comedy in 1975.

For Greenbelt audiences Ghitelman wants to present what he describes as a tapestry woven from the lives of the forgotten and the hopeful, the eccentric and the wounded, all finding momentary refuge in the faded grandeur of a once-charming hotel. In the story the hotel has been scheduled for demolition. The old neon light has a burnt out "e" on the sign, so it reads the play's name, Hot L Baltimore. It has become both a literal and metaphorical shelter for those facing eviction. The evictees have formed a fragile but resilient community, and the audience will become thoroughly immersed in their lives as their conversations form the emotional backbone of the show with a blend of mundane complaints, wistful reminiscences and biting humor. To accomplish this audience immersion, Ghitelman draws on the experience of his extensive portfolio as a producer and director and memories as a teenager seeing the play performed in New York. His goal is to have GAC patrons feel they too had checked in for the night, drawn into the lobby where characters wander and converse. Ghitelman does this with set designs of stained walls and worn-out furnishings and even draws on the well-worn ambience of GAC with open ceilings and wood rafters overhead and vintage (though comfortable) seating from the 1970s. With the three-sided thrust of GAC seating everyone will feel they too are "in the moment" with the cast.

PHOTO BY HELEN CHENG MAO

Rehearsal scene with, from left, Jackie (Jasmine Diaz), Bill (Justin Oratokhai) and Mr. Morse (Ted Culler)

Characterizations are at the root of this performance and Ghitelman intentionally sought to create a cast that is representative of Baltimore's diverse population. Moving from the original vanilla one-flavor cast of the New York show, Ghitelman has, with the goal of blending comic elements and moments of deep empathy and pathos, gathered a group of very talented performers that truly reflects the current Baltimore population.

Time for you to schedule a night of entertainment to see Hot L Baltimore which opens Friday, October 3, and runs through October 18. Tickets are required. For more information visit greenbeltartscenter.org.

This production includes coarse language, sexual references and discussions.

Greg Young is publicity and marketing director for Greenbelt Arts Center.

Spellman Overpass Sign-waving Fridays

Everyone is invited by Indivisible of the Route 1 Corridor and by other Greenbelters to do the following:

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Greenbelt Labor Day Festival 2025

Labor Day Pet Show Brings Variety of Winning Pets

by Sadie Young and Felix Holden

For years now, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Pet Show has been hosted by an array of Girl Scout Troops on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. This year, on August 30, Girl Scout Troop 23007 hosted the show for their fourth year in a row on the lawn in front of the Greenbelt Library and Community Center. This year's show had more than 130 participants and 33 pets.

The troop brought a small enclosure for owners to allow their smaller pets, such as guinea pigs, to roam around and socialize. Chairs were set up around the lawn for participants. As pet owners arrived, they participated in a short interview that also registered them for the show and awards.

When registrations were complete, the pet owners were called up one by one to show off their pet. The pets ranged from cicadas in jars to snakes to dogs to turtles to guinea pigs and cats. Owners demonstrated their pets' tricks, talked about how they got their pet, or just showed off their adorable animal. At the end of the show, the scouts reconvened to discuss what each pet would be awarded for in their own unique category. Pet owners left with a personalized certificate to commemorate the day and their wonderful companions.

Girl Scout Troop 23007 is looking forward to their fifth and final annual hosting of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Pet Show next year, when they will be graduating seniors and will finish their years as Girl Scouts.

Sadie Young and Felix Holden are Ambassador-level Girl Scouts of Troop 23007.

Pet Show Winners 2025

Pet's name, award and owner:

Angie - Retired Veteran - Kaleb Lambert
Bert - Silver Fox - Platt Family
Blazer - Fluffiest Ears - Gabby G.
Cici - Social Butterfly - Lucy and Charlie Borg
Cinder - Fire Fighter - McCullough Family
Doggy - Balancing Act - Olivia Inge
Dot - Citrus Lover - Maggie
Dylan - Speedster - Nate
Figment - Making You Say "Awwww" - Adelaide Baker
Joe Hound - Criminal Mastermind - Henry, Sammy and Molly Turner
Katie - Rags to Riches - Audrey
Kiro - Cutie Pie - Lirael and Nevin McFarland
Lola - Bravest - Emmeline Bedford-Dillow
Lucy Lou - Best Snuggles - Gendreau Family
Mango - Star of the Show - Schweppes Family
Manny - Strongest Python - Cherie Sanders
May Belle - Master Scavenger - Normandy Sanders
Maya - Snuggle Bug - Lirael and Nevin McFarland
Mika-Muffin - Rock Lover - Wyatt
Moby - Golden Years - Maggie
Olive - Prettiest Eyes - Rebecca
Petey - Teacup Dog - Craig Hawkins
Puff - Cuteness Magnet - Adelaide Baker
Pumpkin - Scaredy Pig - Avery Twedt
Sal - Screenager - Nickel Family
Seymour - Circus Bound - Evelyn
Sirius Black - Most Serious Dog - Emmeline Bedford-Dillow
Snuggles - Snow Dusted - Nickel Family
Tango - Best Escape Artist - Skylar Leisnham
Topaz - Lazy Lady - Maya G.
Tuna Bear - Hay Love - Avery Twedt
Winnie - Best Team Player - Rosie Platt

PHOTO BY HOLLY WHEELER

Joe Hound, winner of the Criminal Mastermind award, with owners Molly Turner (left) and Annie Bland (right)

PHOTO BY HOLLY WHEELER

Cherie Sanders with Manny, who won the Strongest Python award

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Angie, who won Best Retired Veteran, affectionately greets girl scout Felix Holden.

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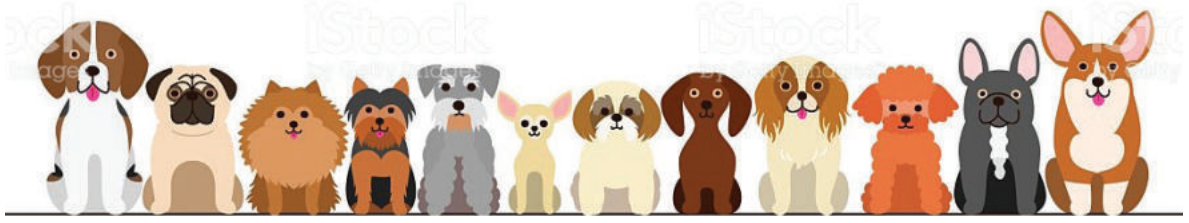
Adelaide Baker and Figment



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Co-op Manager Dan Gillotte, left, presents a check for over $3,500 from the August round-up to the Labor Day Festival committee, from left: Festival President Karen Yoho, Donna Peterson, Melanie Cantwell, Jon Gardner, Kathy Reynolds, Abby Crowley and Wayne Williams.

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Greenbelt Community Orchestra members Amy Walder (viola) and Logan Finucan (violin), above, perform in a pop-up chamber ensemble at the Art and Photo Show, Saturday, August 30. Below: Anne Gardner (viola) and Alison Rose (cello)

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTMAN

On Monday, September 1, the DC Labor Chorus returned to the New Deal Café and led a packed house in a rousing sing-along. The chorus led the participants in traditional songs of the Labor Movement, including Solidarity Forever and Union Maid; traditional folk songs, including If I had a Hammer; and original songs such as If They Can Send One Billionaire Up In Space, Why Can't They Send Them All? Songs were sung in English, Spanish and Swahili.

What Do We Wish for America? Labor Day Festival Submissions

by L.R. Tokarz

For most Greenbelters, the gift of good weather throughout the Labor Day Festival weekend seemed like a miraculous granting of an annual wish that's all too often denied. How could this year's spirit-lifting blue skies, warm temperatures, low humidity and light breezes ever be topped?

Throughout those idyllic days, the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club staffed an information booth that offered a variety of publications, including voter registration information, a presidential Quotes Quiz and a Top-10 Facts sheet about the Roosevelt Administration's major accomplishments. These included, but are not limited to, seeing the United States through the Great Depression and World War II, creating the Social Security system and constructing the widely acclaimed City of Greenbelt.

Many interesting and collegial conversations occurred between club members and visitors who stopped to pick up materials and snap a selfie with life-size Roosevelt cut-outs. Another big draw to the booth was a big box of lollipops that inspired nearly 120 visitors to pause long enough to write and deposit a My Wish for America before choosing a free lollipop. After the Festival, when the colorful cards were sorted and transcribed, club members were struck by the range and sincerity of wishes that had been expressed.

The wishes mostly fell into seven categories: Society/Community (30), Governance/Priorities (27), Politics (19), Health/Safety (17), Peace (12), Immigration (8), the Environment (3), plus a few miscellaneous. While a few wishes were stated in just one word, like "Peace!," others were for more than one thing or outcome or they fit into more than one category. Here are a few samples of Labor Day fairgoers' wishes:

Society/Community: Numerous heartfelt wishes were for less segregation, equality for all, more empathy and kindness, more sanity and truth and a civil society.

Governance/Priorities: "I wish that America would become fond of supporting the rights of all, regardless of race, religion or economic status." "I wish for a Government that lives up to the trust of the American people."

Politics: Many wished for voting rights and democracy for all. Others wished individually for better people to lead, ranked choice voting and an end to gerrymandering. One said, "I wish for recognition that people with different political opinions can still want the best for everyone."

Health/Safety: "I wish for less DOD and ICE spending and a redirection of those funds for healthcare and education." There were several wishes for a national health care system and for people to stop using guns.

Peace: Many wished for peace, harmony and unity. One person said, "I wish that more Americans would visit other nations and gain a better sense of the World."

Immigration: Numerous wishes were for immigrants to be seen as equal and for ICE to stop deporting innocent people and keep families together.

Environment: "I wish for more green land to be owned by Greenbelt" and "I hope that America stays green forever."

Among the most inspiring wishes were: "I wish for a diverse, inclusive and beautiful country." "[May we] reawaken to the need for prioritizing the Common Good." "America is the best [country] I live in for a long time. I love it so much." My Wishes for America will be posted on the Roosevelt Democratic Club's website at rooseveltclub.com for those wanting to read more.

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A young visitor to the Democratic Club's booth tries out the game of pitching handcuffs over tiny hands.

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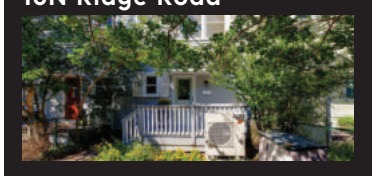

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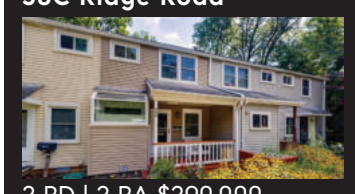

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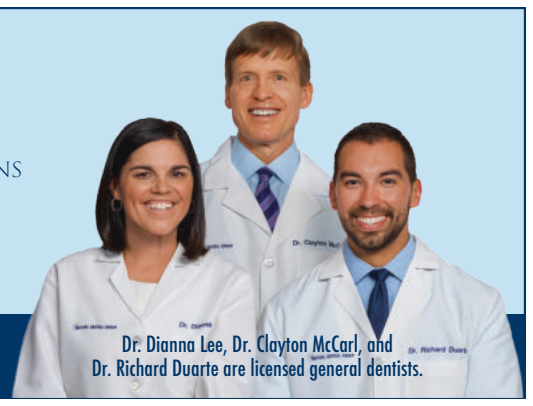

Dr. Dianna Lee, Dr. Clayton McCarl, and Dr. Richard Duarte are licensed general dentists.

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A damaged roof has led to water damage that impacts the ceilings and floors of the Armory.

recommended, along with a food or coffee amenity. A second floor was suggested with green roofs to mitigate stormwater runoff. The base cost is $17.9M with a markup cost of $28.5M.

All scenarios included an amphitheater as well as both bike and pedestrian trails connecting to the adjacent neighborhoods.

The first scenario presented the least revenue potential with the second offering the highest. The third scenario has the highest civic focus.

Concerns

Council, as well as Salmerón and John Mason, the city's Economic Development head, felt that if the site were to include commercial space, it should enhance and not compete with the city's existing commercial infrastructure.

Resident Bob Rand expressed his concern that the site is accessible only to Greenbelt Center, and advised creating a city circulator shuttle to remediate that; a concept that has been discussed by council for some time.

Resident and architect Dave Whaples said the site should be seen as a gateway to the city and should create the best possible presence, adding that more stories could be an asset.

Mason saw the site as an easy destination and a strategic location, with great potential to entice businesses. He advised that "we only have one shot at this."

Phased Approach

Funding will depend on which approach is chosen, with Salmerón saying that there are grants available and potential contributions from the county's Department of Housing and Community Development, as well as public/private partnerships. Council and Salmerón felt that a phased, modular approach to development will be the most likely strategy.

All present concurred that there needs to be more discussion and community engagement on this development. Residents will get a chance to weigh in further through the community questionnaire that will be available at the polls during the upcoming election.

Councilmember Silke Pope echoed the council when she said that this process is still in its beginnings, with Councilmember Amy Knesel adding that the city is realistically looking at a 10-year completion date.

Imes-Thomas said that after another design iteration by the AMAR Group, based on the evening's feedback, the city's contract with her company will have come to an end. The city could then decide whether to employ them further.

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or equipment should be moved rather than auctioned off.

The sciences division at GSFC has several cooperative agreements with local universities to employ research scientists. A co-op scientist who works at GSFC on the western part of the campus said their move was already underway on Tuesday, as movers arrived at 8 a.m. and they had to move several flatbed trucks of specialized equipment. This scientist believes the vacating of buildings on the west part of campus is likely underway, with the exception of Building 30, home to a very specialized cleanroom that could not be recreated elsewhere at Goddard. He also noted that the daycare center at Goddard is located on the west side of the campus and there's been no communication about any changes planned for that.

A Master Plan?

On Monday morning, GSFC News Chief Rob Garner did not answer the News Review's questions about how many buildings are being vacated or the plan for those buildings but he shared the following statement: "Goddard Space Flight Center leadership are taking the first steps this week at the Greenbelt and Wallops Flight Facility campuses toward moving into a right-sized footprint of office and technical space. These priority moves will position the campuses to transform for the future and reduce operating costs while maintaining core capabilities. The transformation plan follows a 20-year Master Plan that was approved at the agency level in 2019 and has been guiding all campus infrastructure decisions since then."

The Master Plan included constructing nine new facilities at the Greenbelt campus, renovating ten facilities and demolishing 61. It emphasized stakeholder involvement. Overall its purpose and priorities were to "maintain mission capability," "Envision the GSFC Campuses of the Future," and "Meet Affordability Goals" (GSFC Master Plan Digest, February 2022). It envisioned a denser campus with upgraded bike lanes and sidewalks and parking outside the campus' "core." It included a campus that spanned Goddard Road, with new buildings in that area, too.

"They are implementing something different and on a more aggressive timeline," said the GSFC civil servant we talked with when asked about the master plan, "but someone must think it adheres closely enough." The office, lab and building moves are taking the workers by surprise because of the lack of warning, he told the News Review. "The 2019 plan isn't what we've been ordered to execute," said our source. "The actual plan hasn't been communicated and seemingly management doesn't know where entire buildings' worth of offices and people will move to, and we're not being provided funds for movers to relocate large equipment," he noted. "We're being told to expect large amounts of equipment and facilities will not survive the moves," he said.

Meanwhile the co-op scientist we talked with told us he believes the leadership is cherry-picking parts of the master plan. "I think a lot of these buildings were slated to be closed but not before new buildings on the east side of the center were built as replacements," he said. His own move from his current building had been planned for months. They'd been told the specialized building they currently occupy was going to be closed in the near future and there was back and forth about potential new locations that would meet their needs before they settled on one. Now they've been told that the building they were to move to is also slated to be closed, an unlikely development if closures were all part of a master plan. "In my opinion, they're using the master plan as an ad hoc explanation for all these poorly planned changes," he told the News Review.

The Cost of Moves

The Goddard civil servant we spoke with says no funds have been provided to move their test facilities, like large vacuum chambers, equipment that can include entire machine shops, or more standard office supplies like standing desks, refrigerators and so forth. He was told to charge all the time involved to his current projects. "Normally we would be provided with funds for our facilities contractors to move our big stuff," he said. He says they have even been denied a shred truck to destroy sensitive documents. Instead, they are expected to use consumer grade shredders that can handle five to 10 pages at a time. "Including the cost of our salary, benefits and overhead, NASA is paying roughly $100 per hour for subject matter experts and PhDs to shred papers for days on end instead of paying $300 for a shred truck that several buildings could use," said the Goddard employee. In contrast, the co-op scientist says center management is paying for their lab's move.

Presidential Budget

"The President's proposed budget planned for a Goddard that is about half the size it was in 2024 and it looks like center management is proceeding along that direction with closing the west half of campus with no clear replacements for facilities or capabilities," the co-op scientist told the News Review Tuesday. Importantly, the proposed budget faced bipartisan opposition (see the July 17 issue) and has not been voted on by Congress. "I believe that center management is filled with folks who think that by complying in advance it will work out for them," concluded the scientist.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred September 15-21, 2025. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported two domestic incidents, one resulting in arrest, and one incident involving Child Protective Services. A toddler was injured by a falling object while sleeping, and she was transported with non-life-threatening injuries.

Strong-armed Robbery

On September 19 at 2:25 p.m. near 7601 Hanover Parkway, a boy reported that two men approached him and forcibly took his cell phone.

On September 19 at 5:04 p.m. near 9104 Edmonston Court, a group of men assaulted a boy and took his property.

DUI/Hit and Run

On September 19 at 7:58 p.m. near 9338 Edmonston Road, witnesses saw a white truck strike more than three cars in the parking lot; it left the area before officers arrived, but an investigation revealed a license plate number and an address. An officer located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The driver was arrested for DUI, and the truck was impounded.

Disorderly

On September 20 at 2 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man exposed himself to someone who declined to press charges. The man was issued a trespass notice and banned from the property.

Fraud

On September 15 near 20 Crescent Road, a man was blackmailed online and told to send money.

Shoplifting and Theft

On September 15 at 1:23 p.m. near 7595 Greenway Center Drive, a woman stole items and police caught her and the items were recovered; at 2:31 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a man placed several items in a bookbag and left.

On September 16 at 4:26 p.m. near 6120 Greenbelt Road, someone stole cellphones from a display and fled.

On September 17 at 2:07 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman was apprehended by loss prevention staff and issued a criminal citation; at 3:18 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, three girls were caught taking items and were banned.

On September 18 at 7:15 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman stole items.

On September 19 at 8:48 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole miscellaneous household goods; at 2:10 p.m. near 6201 Springhill Drive, a package was missing after delivery notification; at 10:06 p.m. near 404 Ridge Road, two boys stole a package.

Trespassing

On September 21 at 3:10 a.m. near 5510 Cherrywood Lane, a woman was found sleeping below the building's rear stairwell and refused to leave. She was taken into custody and issued a criminal citation.

Vandalism

On September 15 at 11:04 p.m. near 5999 Cherrywood Lane, two children were seen riding their bikes and throwing rocks at vehicles, damaging the windows.

On September 20 at 7:03 p.m. near 9015 Breezewood Terrace, a door was kicked in, damaging the lock and the door; the apartment was vacant and empty.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicles

Eight vehicles were stolen: on September 15 near 8017 Mandan Road, a blue 2019 Hyundai Sonata (Md. 3BLL27); on September 18, near 11 Hillside Road, a 2010 blue Toyota Yaris (Md. 6DX0408), near 7212 Sunset Place, a burgundy 2013 Kia Optima (Md.3CE6981), near 7819 Mandan Road, a white 2024 Honda Accord (Md.7GM3729); on September 19, near 6000 Breezewood Drive, a white Honda Civic (Md.T2381937), near 7927 Mandan Road, a black 2024 Civic (Md. A417135), and near 6001 Springhill Drive, a black 2025 Civic (Md. 3GN7723); and on September 20 near 7816 Hanover Parkway, a gray 2012 Hyundai Elantra (Md. 8AK8082);

Stolen Auto Recovered

On September 19 at 9:44 p.m. near 7814 Hanover Parkway, a stolen vehicle was recovered by Prince George's Police Department before the owner reported it.

Theft from Auto

On September 16 near 9123 Springhill Lane, a purse was stolen from a vehicle.

On September 19 at 4:25 p.m. near 9148 Edmonston Road, a man took the tag off a vehicle and put it on the truck he was driving and then put the tags from the truck he was driving onto the victim's vehicle. This was caught on camera.

On September 20 near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a rear tag was noted missing; near 20 Southway, a 2016 Dodge Challenger was broken into and items were stolen.

Vandalism to Auto

On September 19 at 8:57 p.m. near 7814 Hanover Parkway, a Nissan Altima had a window broken by a group of boys walking in the parking lot.

Windows were broken on several cars: on September 19 near 7927 Mandan Road on a Honda Civic; and on September 20, near 7828 Hanover Parkway on a Nissan Sentra, near 5913 Cherrywood Terrace on a 2023 Toyota Tacoma, and near 9009 Breezewood Terrace on a 2020 Toyota Tacoma.

On September 19 near 5925 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2025 Honda Pilot had the door and door handle damaged.

Flooding in Greenbelt

Following the rainstorm on Saturday, September 20, there was again flooding at the intersection of Lakeside and Westway. Currently small rocks, bags and wood have been placed in the vicinity in an effort to mitigate the flooding that has been occurring in that area.

Stormwater runoff pools at the intersection of Lakeside Drive and Westway, where sandbags and gravel have been placed around a storm drain.

- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Five Greenbelt Police Officers Are Promoted

On Monday, September 22, Greenbelt Police Department gathered at the Municipal Building with officers and their family and friends to celebrate the promotions of Corporal Dylan Davis, Corporal Abbey Kipke, Corporal Michael Thomas, Sergeant Carl Roberson and Lieutenant Irelisse Fernandez.

PHOTO BY RICARDO DENNIS, GREENBELT POLICE

Pictured from left, Deputy Chief Tim White, Lt. Irelisse Fernandez, Sgt. Carl Roberson, Corp. Abbey Kipke, Corp. Dylan Davis, Corp. Michael Thomas and Chief Richard Bowers

Edmonston Road Shooting: One Wounded but No Arrests

by Ashna Balroop

No arrests have been made in the late-night shooting that left one man injured on Friday, September 12, according to Greenbelt Police.

The incident occurred near the intersection of Edmonston Court and Springhill Terrace, as reported by Greenbelt Police. At the scene, a male victim was found injured and was transported to a nearby hospital to receive medical treatment. A U.S. Park Police helicopter assisted in the search for a potential suspect (see the September 18 issue).

The shooting, according to Public Information Officer Ricardo Dennis, was an "isolated incident and is not part of any broader trend within the Greenbelt community."

Dennis said that the "incident is still under active investigation, and [the department is] unable to release further details at this time." A request for more public information was denied on these grounds and the victim's condition is unknown.

Ashna Balroop is a student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism writing for the Greenbelt News Review.

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Without the support of the Washington Post and the money raised from earlier donation drives, we might not be here today. We are in an uncertain time and cannot predict what new threats may occur. It is more important than ever to make sure that the News Review remains on a firm financial footing to ensure we are still publishing our independent paper at 100 years.

We Need People, Too

In addition to maintaining our financial reserves, the News Review needs people to make this weekly newspaper possible. Our dedicated volunteer members are vital to this effort. We have a pretty good supply of copyeditors, typists and proofers. We also have members who contribute computer and technical support, web posting and preparing budgets.

However, we have only a few overworked members on the ad desk, and we desperately need new members who can share these tasks. We especially need someone to manage our advertising, someone who can learn and oversee all the tasks – we have one person and need at least one more. We also need someone to help with both display and classified ads – someone who is comfortable with spreadsheets and can provide friendly assistance when contacting advertisers.

We have received a Greenbelt Community Foundation grant to help us publish larger papers and find an ad sales rep to increase our ad revenue. We are seeking someone to work on commission to recruit prospective advertisers. And you can look forward to more 16-pagers to come.

Finally, we need writers to report on events throughout the city, and especially those who can cover city council meetings. Covering one council meeting a month would be a big help.

Tote Your Mug Home! Thank-you Gifts Ready

To those who have donated to the News Review, come by our office in the Community Center on Sunday, September 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or Monday and Tuesday, September 29 and 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. to pick up your thank-you gifts – our custom-designed car magnets, tote bags and mugs.

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All are welcome to come by, make a donation and receive a gift. Car magnets are available for any gift of $10 or more. For a donation of $52, you also have your choice of a mug or tote bag. And for a $120 donation, you will receive all three items.

Car magnet

Mug

- Photos by Sandy Rodgers

Tote

City Notes

Public Safety/Community, Economic Development and Constituent Services attended a Beltway Plaza tenants meeting and a county-sponsored Latino Business Breakfast.

Most departments participated in Maryland records retention training and many helped with food distributions.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion met with the Reparations Commission and the Piscataway Indian Nation.

Information Technology installed a fleet management portal for vehicle supplies replenishment. Planning staff issued two building permits and inspected 32 rentals.

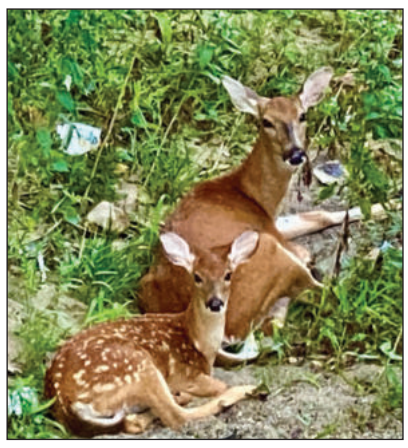
Animal Shelter residents included four cats, six kittens and two dogs after two adoptions.

Environmental/Sustainability Coordinators removed illegally dumped items at the recycling center. Horticulture/Parks repaired fencing and stairs at the Animal Shelter and replaced a retaining wall at the Youth Center. After weeks of grading, sod was installed on Braden Field.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center began a movement class for children and, with Therapeutic Recreation, hosted Senior Day. The Community Center facilitated a blood drive.

CARES attended a University of Maryland event connecting students with community partners, internships and volunteer opportunities.

A mother and her fawn relax along a creek bed in August, in the woods near the Metro tracks under Greenbelt Rd., just past Beltway Plaza, across from the Shell station.



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Dragonfly in Joe Robbins' garden

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on Sept. 15, everyone was in agreement.

"Hello, Prince George's County! I'm so excited to be with you!" said Maryland State Senator Alonzo Washington (22-D), in remarks to the packed, happy crowd of celebrants in the Legion's expansive community banquet hall. "We're here today because of you ... boots on the ground, knocking on doors. The hard work has paid off!"

The politicians' common theme was teamwork – people working together and refusing to abandon the fight for a collective goal. "This was a real group effort," said Prince George's County Councilmember Tom Dernoga (1-D). Tenacity and perseverance were a big part of the fight, he said. He noted the cooperative work of environmental and citizen groups stretching back to the 1990s.

"Look what you did! Your voices truly, truly matter," Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid Watson (4-D) told the crowd. "I love the community, to come together and celebrate!"

"You're beautiful!" said County Councilmember Eric Olson (3-D). "This is a wonderful celebration! We are for good, solid transportation. Maglev is not it."

At the American Legion, celebrants enjoyed a buffet of pulled pork, barbeque and sides from Mission BBQ. The activists posed for a huge celebratory group photo and continually thanked each other.

"We did it!" Jordan told the crowd to more cheers. "It's really about all of us together ... the bills that you wrote, the organizing. You can't get anything done without everybody working together."

In 2017 the Greenbelt News Review ran a series of articles about the proposed maglev, beginning with Jim Giese's article in the November 30, 2017, issue. In 2018, Greenbelt's City Council committed to working with the Stop This Train group to oppose the maglev (see the June 7, 2018, issue).

Crisis Hotline's Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is 988. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors
on October 2, 2025

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on September 18, 2025
b) Member Matters
c) Financial Matters
d) Contract Matters

GHI Open Meeting – starts after GHI Closed Meeting - open to members and visitors

a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Open Meeting Held on September 18, 2025
b) Statements of Closed Meetings Held on September 18, 2025 & October 2, 2025
c) ARC Request to Review Play Structure Rules
d) Parcel I, Sustainability Committee Request
e) Member Assistance Proposal
f) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on October 16, 2025

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtd-uuqzoiG9XHGq9rswP_N9LZj33gbi9r

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Covid Vaccines Are Now Available With No Prescription, Risk Factors

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Despite recent attempts at the federal level to restrict Covid-19 vaccine access to individuals with a prescription, you do not need a prescription to get a Covid-19 vaccine in Maryland. Nor should you need to select a risk factor in order to access it, though just two weeks ago you did. On September 19, the Maryland Department of Health went further, issuing a Covid-19 Vaccine Standing Order. In it they authorize health care providers to provide the most updated versions of the Covid vaccine to individuals over 6 months of age, including pregnant people and to "adhere to the most evidence-based guidelines" developed by three physicians' groups. Under Maryland law, pharmacists are also authorized to give vaccines to people over 3 years old.

According to the Maryland 2025-2026 Respiratory Vaccine Recommendation, which was updated on September 19, the date of the standing order, the Covid-19 vaccine is recommended for all adults 18 and older, all children 6 to 23 months old and 2 to 18 year olds with risk factors or by parental request.

At the start of September, Covid vaccines were available locally at the Co-op Pharmacy, CVS and Safeway, but with restrictions. The vaccines were available to those over 65 at each location but for younger residents, the Co-op Pharmacy required a prescription and both CVS and Safeway required an increased risk factor or qualifying condition. Greenbelter Christine Doran was able to get her Covid and flu shots at Safeway in Greenbelt on September 16. She was able to select a qualifying condition from a long list that she believes are purposefully broad. Doran, who has a sedentary job, selected "lack of physical activity," and told the News Review she was asked for no proof. Other qualifying health conditions listed aligned with the risk factors identified by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and included smoking, pregnancy, mental health conditions or mood disorders, or being overweight, among others (see a full list of risk factors at cdc.gov/covid/risk-factors/). Doran visited with her teenager and needed to select a risk factor for each of them in order to receive the vaccine on that date.

Since then, beginning September 19, the vaccine is available to everyone, regardless of age or medical conditions. On Tuesday, September 23, a Safeway Pharmacy staff member told the News Review that although people needed to select a risk factor in order to receive the vaccine at first, it is now available to all. Safeway is offering it to people 5 years old and up, and on Tuesday said they had plenty of supply.

There are three CVS pharmacies in Greenbelt. They currently have Covid vaccines available but recommend appointments because supply is limited. A Greenbelt CVS pharmacist told the News Review that they offer vaccines to those age 5 and up and that they were finding the only patients who were not covered by their insurance were those with Kaiser. Kaiser's website says they are offering the updated Covid-19 vaccine to individuals 6 months of age and up at most Kaiser Permanente facilities with an appointment (the closest to Greenbelt are Bowie Fairwood Medical Center or West Hyattsville Medical Center).

Availability

Though access is no longer restricted in Maryland, supply and availability vary.

On Tuesday, the Greenbelt Co-op Pharmacy did not have the Covid vaccine available but was awaiting the delivery of a third set, having already used two batches. When more supply arrives, the Co-op will be able to provide the vaccine to all adults 18 and over.

Greenbelt resident Julia Raymond found her pediatrician did not have any Covid vaccines available for their young patients.

This author, who has a child under 5 (a group not usually served at pharmacies), was able to schedule vaccines for her children at their pediatrician's office. However, the pediatrician noted that they had not received any Covid-19 vaccines from the state and were unable to administer them for patients with Medicaid or state insurance. This author's insurance company said they consider the vaccine preventative and would fully cover it. Without insurance coverage, the pediatrician's office cited a $170 cost per Covid vaccine.

Candidate Forum To Be Held October 9

Save the date for a city council candidate forum ahead of this year's city election.

In conjunction with GATe, the News Review will host a candidate forum on the evening of Thursday, October 9 at the Firehouse.

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Cinema Marquee

We are writing as concerned citizens, avid cinephiles and preservationists to express our concerns about the proposed replacement of the Greenbelt Cinema's existing marquee with a digital marquee. Per the city council worksession on August 4, 2025, the purpose of the replacement is to eliminate the need for staff to climb a ladder to change the marquee. This is a costly and drastic measure that will alter not only the appearance of the theater, but also of the heart of Roosevelt Center.

Marquees can be changed without ladders through the use of specialized poles to set the letters on the marquee, such as those used in this photo of the historic Majestic Bay Theatre in Seattle, Wash. While their marquee is a different style, it is reasonable to assume similar equipment could be used to change the Greenbelt Cinema's marquee.

Although the existing marquee is not original to the theater, it is close enough that this National Register-listed property would still be recognizable to the original Greenbelters. A digital marquee would fundamentally alter the look and feel of the theater and Roosevelt Center, creating an overly bright, cold, Times Square-like atmosphere, rather than the current warm, welcoming lighting of the Center.

PHOTO COURTESY JENNIFER SPARENBERG

The marquee is updated using a pole at the Majestic Bay Theatre in Seattle.

Finally, we have concerns about the transparency of such a radical change to a historic, public space: an action that will drastically alter both the theater façade and Roosevelt Center. No public input has been solicited about these changes, which have only received a brief mention in the worksession and News Review.

We urge council and Friends of Greenbelt Theatre board to reconsider the replacement of the marquee with a digital display and to find a cost-effective solution that preserves the historic façade.

Jennifer Sparenberg
Jennifer Ruffner
Stephen Oetken

Cinema Marquee Replacement

Thanks to Jennifer Sparenberg, Jennifer Ruffner, and Stephen Oetken for their letter expressing concerns about the proposed update to the Greenbelt Cinema marquee. I would like to clarify the scope and intent of the proposed change.

The City of Greenbelt is proposing to replace only the manual letter board section of the marquee – the portion used to display film titles – with a digital display. The rest of the marquee, including the vertical "Greenbelt" lettering and the overall structure, will remain unchanged.

Using a pole will not work with the current letterboard since the current marquee uses a Gemini Snap Lok system that requires significant, direct force to engage the letter locks.

On July 21, Assistant City Manager Tim George, project manager Brian Kim, Grants Coordinator Carey Eure and I met with Collin Ingraham, chief of the Office of Preservation Services, and Kate Jaffe, administrator of Preservation Financial Incentives of the Maryland Historical Trust. The letterboard vendor, who has decades of experience with numerous historic theaters, demonstrated a prototype. The board can mimic exactly the typeface, color and lighting levels of the current marquee (see photo). We will not introduce bright or flashy elements that would disrupt the Roosevelt Center's ambiance.

Changing the marquee is necessary to address safety concerns. Changing the letters requires a tall ladder and applying force to secure each letter, sometimes in adverse weather conditions. Some letters have become brittle and have fallen, creating a hazard for pedestrians. A digital board offers a safe, ADA-compliant solution that allows for easier changes to the marquee.

This proposal was discussed at the August 4 city council worksession.

Again, I share your commitment to honoring Greenbelt's history while ensuring the safety and accessibility of our public spaces.

Dr. Caitlin McGrath,
Executive Director,
Greenbelt Cinema

PHOTO COURTESY CAITLIN MCGRATH

An example of how the new marquee will appear

Notice of the Annual Membership Meeting

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative
Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
Greenbelt Community Center Gym
15 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD 20770

According to the Co-op's bylaws,
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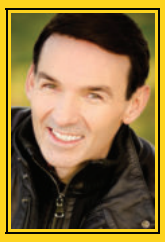

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RATES

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Sports

In Perfect Weather Lady Raiders Breeze Past Panthers behind two Hat Tricks

by Patrick Gleason

With temperatures hovering in the 70s and a light breeze accenting the evening on Monday, September 22, the weather provided the perfect backdrop to an impressive display of "the beautiful game." The Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders girls soccer team offered their second consecutive victory by controlling their contest with the Parkdale Panthers from start to finish. Senior Autumn Freeman set the tone by assisting the opening goal, scored not five minutes in, as classmate Claudia van der Have received Freeman's pass and then used the outside of her right foot to find the far post's side-netting. For the following goal Freeman and van der Have switched roles as Freeman finished in front of the net for another easy Raider tally. But the fourth and final of the first half's goals proved the most impressive. Freeman won a ball in her own defensive third and accelerated past a crowd of defenders before finding van der Have's feet on the sideline. Freeman quickly overlapped while van der Have delayed play long enough to serve Freeman in to space with a left-footed pass down the sideline. Freeman continued her journey to goal, acquiring over 40 yards of space before placing her shot to the left corner past the Panther keeper.

When the evening finished, Freeman and van der Have had both secured hat tricks and celebrated their teammates from the bench in the final minutes of the never-in-doubt 7-1 victory. The evening's final goal came from junior Naomi Petralia who split time at right back and center defensive mid, where she relieved Claira Alolga after she suffered a first half foot injury. Petralia shot into the setting sun, finding the upper left corner of the net – a perfect culmination to an evening as beautiful as it was successful. After a challenging start to the season that included tightly contested losses to Bowie, Elizabeth Seton and Westminster, the Raiders have won two straight and have kept pace with Bowie as they both vie for a spot in October's county championship game. The Raiders have an important away matchup on September 25 with the Bladensburg Mustangs, who tied Bowie earlier this season. Until then, the Raiders will enjoy their most recent victory amid the September breeze.

Claudia van der Have slides by a Parkdale defender in the 7-1 Roosevelt victory.

- Photos by Ethan James

Seniors Autumn Freeman, right, and Claudia van der Have celebrate on an evening where they both tallied hat tricks.

Junior Varsity

Meanwhile, the junior varsity squad continues their winning ways after dominant wins over Parkdale and Episcopal by a combined score of 14-0. The only blemish on the Raider season thus far is a 1-1 tie with Westminster on September 16, but the Raiders continue to offer a plethora of scoring threats from the likes of Mia Moore, Ayanna Steele, Kennedy Frechtel, Elisabeth Beckmann and Aurora Morrison in a season filled with promise and effervescence.

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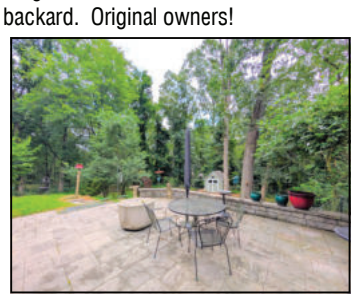
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Art Show Winners

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The Art Show judges awarded 72 ribbons in 18 separate categories. Artists of all ages participated in the show, entering a total of 139 artworks. Greenbelt Cinema provided movie pass punch cards to present as prizes and Underwood Concessions provided funnel cake. Prizes and cash prizes were awarded, too. The judges were Shaymar Higgs, Amy Knesel and Mary Wirick.

People's Choice Awards

1st Place, The Culvert under a January Sunset by David Campbell

2nd Place, A Good Friend by Keira Parsons (also Blue Ribbon in Painting, Youth 15-18)

3rd Place, Coral Reef by Ruby Dessiatoun (also Blue Ribbon in Sculpture/3D)

4th Place, Me in My Favorite Lion King Shirt by Therese Beall

Cipriano Award

The Cipriano Award for art portraying people at work went to David Campbell for his entry, Roofers. The Cipriano Award is the Art Show's special connection to Labor Day. It also memorializes one of Greenbelt's best and distinguished friends and honorary Greenbelter "Pop" Cipriano, who at one time worked as a carpenter for the City of Greenbelt. Cipriano was known in his day for his colorful, flower-covered farm wagon, pulled along in the Labor Day Parade by his donkey.

Roofers by David Campbell won the Cipriano Award.

A Good Friend by Keira Parsons won first place in the Youth 15 to 18 category and 2nd place for People's Choice.

- Photos by Lisa Stand

Art Show Winners Adults

Drawing
1st: Ellen Lee - Sneakers
2nd: Madeline Henderson - Orange
3rd: Pat Owens - Tamerlane
4th: Katherine Ruckle - My Mother Never Really Fed Herself

Painting/Oil or Acrylic
1st: John Headley - Untitled 2
2nd: Katarina Russell - Handle with Care
3rd: John Headley - Untitled 3
4th: Connie Roy-Fisher - In the Square

Painting - Watercolor
1st: Ellen Lee - Peeking Squirrels
2nd: Rosanne Douglas - Community Blooms in Greenbelt
3rd: Christopher Mahaney - Marco and his Sock
4th: Connie Roy-Fisher - Fishing with Mom

Prints
1st: Robert Birkenes - Dragonfly at Greenbelt Lake
2nd: Monica Riggins - Magenta Mori
3rd: Robert Birkenes - Muses at St Hughes
4th: Anthony Holmes - Andrew Robinson as Garak

Fine Crafts
1st: Megan Rytting - My Rhyming Pants - Upcycled Patches Upon Patches
2nd: David Heintzelman - Ol' Prospector
3rd: Hannele Sy - Gotta Catch 'Em All
4th: Hennele Sy - Dolly Celeste

Sculpture/3D
1st: Ruby Dessiatoun - Coral Reef 3
2nd: Shaine Siegel - Little Pangolin
3rd: Alaska Heintzelman - Creature from the Black Lagoon
4th: Alaska Heintzelman - Loungin' Lizard

My Rhyming Pants - Upcycled Patches Upon Patches by Megan Rytting (First place, Adult Fine Crafts)

The Purrfect Picnic by Skylar Leisnham (First place, Age 11 to 14 Painting)

Art Show Winners

Pre-school to Age 6

Drawing
1st: Molly McGillen - Rainy Valentines Day
2nd: Caroline McGillen - The Sunny Day
3rd: Christopher Kim - Water Fish
4th: Darren Rytting - Tweet

Painting
1st: Chloe Rueger - Meadow
2nd: Molly McGillen - Animals in the Ocean

Sculpture/3D
1st: Elizabeth Archibald - Biggest Beast
2nd: Elizabeth Archibald - Crowned Queen
3rd: Saoirse Sanders - Bird Nest

Age 7 to 10

Drawing
1st: Keilana Chang - First Day of School
2nd: Gloria Rytting - Tea Party
3rd: Madelyn Zevallos-Bolanos - Insects
4th: Claire Seibert - Simone Biles Enjoying Her Work

Painting
1st: Therese Bell - Fruit Bowl
2nd: Lisette Sanders - Three Layers of the Sky
3rd: Rose Rueger, Elise Rueger - Planet Cactus

Sculpture/3D
1st: Tarn Sanders - Panda and His Bamboo
2nd: Tarn - Fishy Bobblehead
3rd: Rose Platt - Winnifred Elizabeth Dixie Platt
4th: Evalena McLaughlin - Turtle in Action

Fine Crafts
1st: Violet Yashinski - Spring Garden
2nd: Violet Yashinski - Hynotize

Age 11 to 14

Drawing
1st: Skylar Leisnham - Frogs and Fungi
2nd: Thomas Sage - Flowing DNA
3rd: Thomas Sage - Roz's Choice
4th: Maren O'Roark - Fox

Painting
1st: Skylar Leisnham - The Purrfect Picnic
2nd: Nadia Nickel - Peace, Love and Pit Vipers
3rd: Evelyn Sage - Seafire
4th: Evelyn Sage - Separation

Sculpture/3D
1st: Catalina Tillard - Sea Monster
2nd: Nadia Nickel - Secrets of a Dead Log
3rd: Skylar Leisnham - Santa Paws
4th: Catalina Tillard - Bobby the Fox

Fine Crafts
1st: Ezekial Kelly - Battle Ax
2nd: Persephone Douglas - The Collection
3rd: Catalina Tillard - Bowl

Age 15 to 18

Drawing
1st: Jonathan Rytting - Meeting the Maker
2nd: Jonathan Rytting - Dedicated to the kid who drew Jimbei last year

Painting
1st: Keira Parsons - A Good Friend
2nd: Anna Dahlen - My Cat Biscuit
3rd: Vivian Nickel - Peter Pan's Midnight Flight

Sculpture/3D
1st: Vivian Nickel - Woodland Whimsy
2nd: Olivia Nickel - Lava Pot
3rd: Jonathan Rytting - My Parents' Lego Collection Ain't Bad

Fine Crafts
1st: Mary Shivone - Caribou in Woods
2nd: Olivia Nickel - Untitled
3rd: Vivian Nickel - Butterflies in the Wind